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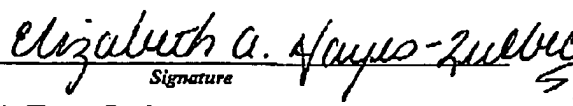
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Applicant(s): RICHARD F. ALLISON, ET AL						
Application No. 09/206,852	Filing Date December 8, 1998	Examiner Anne Marie Grunberg	Customer No. 07380	Group Art Unit 1661	Confirmation No. 6041	
Invention: METHODS FOR TRANSFORMING PLANTS						
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.						
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This letter is filed in response to the Office Action of August 10, 2004

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1, 3, 5 to 15 and 22 to 24 for further prosecution on the merits. In accordance with this election, Applicant reserves all rights in the non-elected claims, including the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter thereof.

Independent and distinct inventions under 35 USC §121 is alleged. This holding is respectfully transversed. It is respectfully asserted that claims 16 and 20 of Group II should be rejoined with the claims of Group I (claims 1, 3, 5 to 15 and 22 to 24) as the transgenic plant recited in the claims of Group II is defined in terms of the process of Group I. Therefore, the transgenic plants cannot be made by alternate means. Accordingly, joining of the claims would require minimal additional searching on the part of the Examiner,.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

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An action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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